

Miscellaneous Editorial Paragraphs

A Christian will never intentionally do a wrong thing.
 There are times when silence is sin and speech is golden.
 No difficulty ever lay in the path of duty that could not be overcome.
 No one ever yet properly understood the Bible who did not love its Author.

Sorrow unduly prolonged causes weakness, but continual joy in the Lord is strength to the believer.

A perfect man: One from whose heart and life the element of selfishness has been wholly eliminated.

Every good book is a blessing to him who reads it, but in the great needs of life and in the hour of death there is but one book, and that book the Bible.

Sorrow for sin is blessed only when it gives way to the joy of forgiveness, for it is better to rejoice in the pardon of sin than to continue in sorrow for sin.

A London church in financial difficulties has sent round the following: "We have raised \$100 by God's help, and we hope to obtain the needed \$500 by means of our bazaar." And herein is more truth than was intended.

It is related of a young lady that she bought a book and read part of it with but little interest. Then she laid it aside. By and-by she met the author and a friendship succeeded, then betrothal. After that she took up the book again, and every chapter glowed with deep beauty, because she knew and loved the writer. Probably a little closer friendship and fellowship and a more intimate acquaintance with the author of the Bible would very considerably increase our interest in the reading of that blessed book. Try it.

It is said that suits for \$6,500,000 have been entered against the New York Central railroad for damages by friends of the killed and by the injured in the recent terrible disaster. According to the verdict of the coroner the accident is attributed to the negligence of the management. It is a great loss to suffer for mere negligence, but negligence is responsible for much larger losses in this world, and eternal life in the world to come. To neglect salvation is to forfeit it. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

Think not to escape either from the dangers or the responsibilities of duty by evading the duty. The best and the safest place is always the place of duty wherever that may be. A soldier fleeing from danger hid himself in a hollow tree which he entered from the top, and from which he could not extricate himself. Unable to make himself heard he starved in his hiding-place. When found there was nothing left of him but a skeleton. Who would not rather run the risk of the hottest battle, in the thickest of the fight than be exposed to such a horrible death? In this case as in all other cases the place of safety was the place of duty. When the call of duty is clear and unmistakable the possible dangers and perils that may lie in its path are not to be counted.

The secret of a pure life is a pure heart. Clean lives, noble deeds, Christlike characters, are the incarnation of pure thoughts. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. The man of impure thoughts will not long speak pure words. If then our lives are to be clean and sweet we need to think often of God and his holy attributes, his mercy, his truth, his compassion, his goodness, his fatherly care, his protection and his perfection.

Said a poor woman of the Boston Medical Mission: "I'd like to be the janitor in this place, so I could stay here all the time. It is so pleasant, and everybody loves everybody so much." Herein is a lesson for pastors and all Christian workers. Blessed is that church and that mission whose attendants long to be janitor and remain always in the house of God, because love reigns supreme. David said, "I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Edward Everett Hale has written many beautiful things and many true things, but none truer and therefore none more beautiful (for truth is beautiful) than these: "The world's advance is due only to the hopes, the plans, the progress and the work, of living men and women who have tasted of the waters of life for themselves, and know what it is to live, and are determined that the rest of the world shall have life more abundantly, as Jesus Christ himself has promised."

For more than forty years Dr. Parker has preached the Word with great power in the City Temple, London. On the fortieth anniversary of his present pastorate he said: "Looking back upon all the checkered way, I have to say that the only preaching that has done me good is the preaching of a Savior who bore my sins in his body on the tree, and the only preaching by which God has enabled me to do good to others is the preaching in which I have held up my Savior, not as a sublime example, but as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Brother minister, let these words, from one whose experience covers a period of more than a half century, burn way down deep into your soul, so that when life closes, his experience may be yours also.

All the nations of Europe are now in the race for America's friendship. England, Germany, France, each claiming to have been our nearest neighbor during the Spanish-American war. But why are these nations so extremely anxious for the friendship of the United States? Is it because of the kindly feeling that is going out toward us, because of the blessing they may confer upon us? Has the spirit of altruism suddenly seized the nations of the earth? We think not; the conflict is a purely selfish one. They are anxious for our friendship because of the benefit that will accrue to them. The events of the last few years have demonstrated to all the nations of the earth that it pays financially to court the favor and friendship of the United States. The quarrel is strictly a European one; we do not enter into it. Meanwhile it is a question as to whether "Uncle Sam" should congratulate himself because of the favor in which he appears in the light of other nations. Would it not be more important that all the nations of the earth should seek the friendship and favor of the "friend of sinners?"